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Village Board, Berwyn City Council to Discuss Roosevelt Road Redevelopment

How to transform a planning study into action along Roosevelt Road will be on the table when the Oak Park Village Board and Berwyn City Council meet jointly next week at the Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.

Members of the Oak Park Village Board and Berwyn City Council will gather at 7 p.m., Thurs., June 15, in the library's second floor Veterans' Room to discuss how the two communities can work together to implement recommendations from a comprehensive planning study for the 1.5 mile shared corridor.

The *Roosevelt Road Planning Study*, prepared by Chicago-based planning consultant Farr Associates and funded by a state grant, identified the corridor's assets and offered a range of ideas on how best to invigorate the area. Recommendations, which grew from extensive public involvement in the process, include encouraging pedestrian travel with wider sidewalks, landscaping and better lighting; improving traffic flow and control with medians; and attracting specialized boutiques and residential development to the area.

The study can be viewed at www.oak-park.us – mouse-over the Departments tab, click on Planning and look for the link along the right margin.

While residents of both Oak Park and Berwyn are welcome to attend the joint meeting at the library – and even encouraged to do so – a public comment period is not planned. Much of the discussion will focus on updating officials elected since the plan was adopted and steps the two communities may need to take to ensure coordination of efforts in areas such as zoning and capital improvement funding. Plans for a follow-up meeting in the fall also will be discussed.

A video recording of the meeting will be broadcast on VOP-TV, the Village's television station available to Oak Park cable subscribers on Channel 6. Broadcasts times will be 7 p.m., Fri., June 16; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sat., June 17; and 11 a.m., Sun., June 18.

For more information on the meeting or the study, contact the Village's Community Planning & Development Department at 358.5425, or email planning@oak-park.us.

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